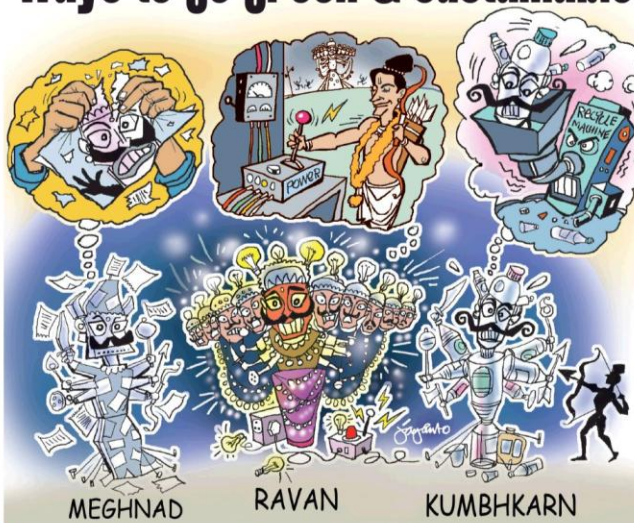


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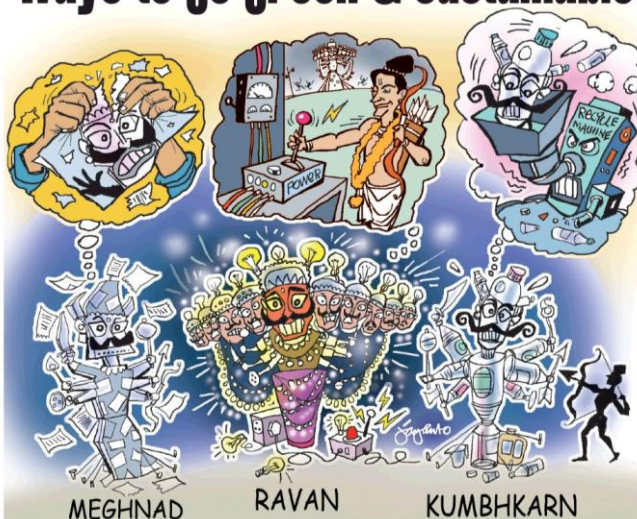
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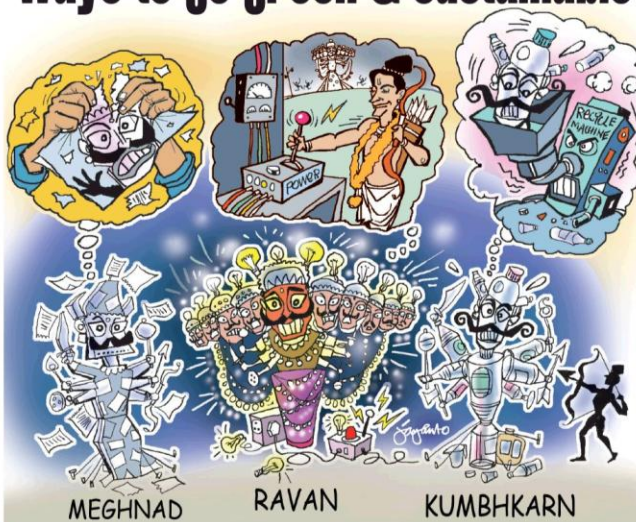
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श्री सनातन धर्म सभा रामलीला कमेटी तथा जैकबपुरा दुर्गा रामलीला कमेटी के प्रवक्ता राजकुमार सैनी ने बताया कि इससे पहले 110 फीट के रावण के पुतले का दहन किया जाता था। बिगड़ रहे पर्यावरण को देखते हुए इस बार पुतलों का साइज 40 फीट छोटा किया गया है। उन्होंने बताया कि इस बार शोभायात्रा व दशहरा ग्राउंड में आतिशबाजी नहीं जाएगी। सिर्फ पुतलों में ही थोड़ी-बहुत आतिशबाजी होगी। इस बार

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पर्यावरण सुरक्षा को महत्व देते हुए एनवायरो वाटिका इंडिया नेक्स्ट के निवासियों के लिए क्लब वन लॉन में शाम छह बजे ग्रीन दशहरा का आयोजन कर रही है। रावण के पुतले को जलाने के बजाय, एलईडी के माध्यम से रावण दहन मनाने का फैसला किया है। एनवायरो द्वारा नृत्य, नाटक प्रस्तुत किए जाएंगे तथा विभिन्न प्रदर्शनी का आयोजन किया जाएगा। एनवायरो वाइस प्रेसिडेंट एके सिंह ने बताया कि स्मॉग के साथ, सांस लेने में समस्याएं आती हैं।

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From digital, to recyclable, Ravan comes to NCR in green avatars

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RWAs across the region are adopting innovative ways to celebrate a pollution-free Dussehra, including organising laser shows and going for effigies made of recyclable paper or plastic.

Elaborate lighting, burning effigies and spectacular fireworks – Every year, these are the things that give NCR its

Dussehra vibes, and of course, a spike in its pollution levels. This year, however, a number of resident groups have decided to ring in Dussehra in novel ways, so that the festival can be celebrated in a more sustainable manner without polluting the environment.

Laser light and sound shows replace effigies in NCR

In south Delhi's Lajpat Nagar-II, residents are eagerly awaiting a "digital Ravan dahan", being organised by the Residents' Welfare Association. "This is our attempt to have an eco-friendly Dussehra. Digital effigies of Ravan, Meghnad and Kumbhkarn will be projected on a 30-feet-high net screen. The projected image of Ravan would measure 20 feet by 24 feet and the show will be accompanied by sound effects," says Yogesh Pahuja, president of the Lajpat Nagar-II/C RWA.

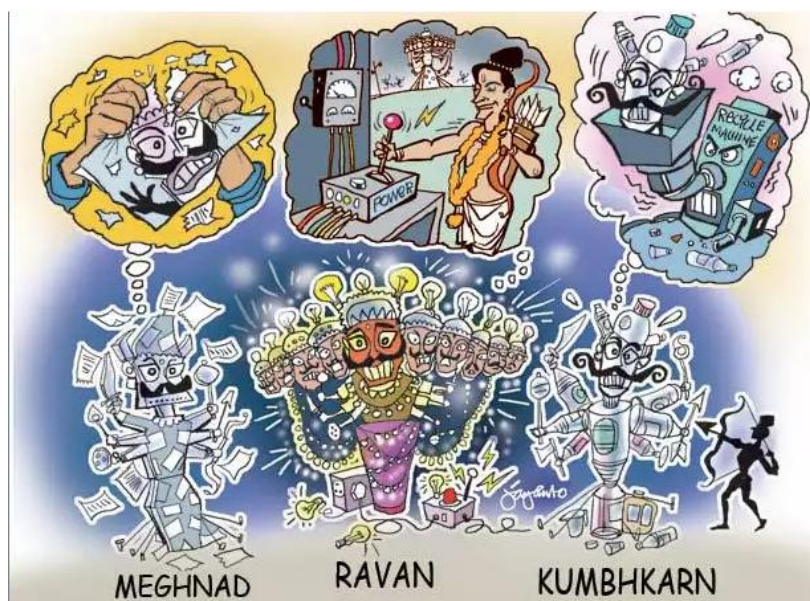
In fact, the RWA has been showcasing a digital Ramlila for the residents all this time. “We did not make an elaborate set to stage Ramlila this year as that generates a lot of waste. We decided to showcase Ramlila episodes on a plasma screen in the community ground. All residents, especially children, enjoyed the arrangement. While we want our kids to know our traditions, we also want them to develop eco-friendly values,” Yogesh adds.

Organising a digital Ravan *dahan*, however, is easier said than done. Yogesh says, “The expense of organising a laser light show is about Rs 2.5 lakh. We had to go door-to-door throughout the neighbourhood to collect funds. But, all residents have been supportive of the initiative.”

The Vatika India INXT townships in Sector 82, Gurgaon, will also be celebrating Dussehra in a similar manner – residents have decided to show Ravan *dahan* on an LED screen. The Sainik Farm RWA in Delhi will be treating its residents to a sound and light show, instead of burning an effigy.

“A laser light and sound show has been organised in our neighbourhood. A symbolic Ravan *dahan* will take place on an LED screen, accompanied by sound effects,” says Suparna Anand, Chairman of the Cultural Committee of the Sainik Farms RWA.

Similarly, in Noida, residents of the Gaur Sportswood Apartments in Sector 79 will be organising a light and sound show, instead of burning an effigy. “We will be projecting the show on one of the central buildings in our society. The projection will be 30 feet tall and 40 feet wide and will be accompanied by sound effects and smoke from a smoke machine,” says Amit Dhar, a resident.



Kids to tear down recyclable paper Ravan in Delhi

Defence Colony resident and environmentalist Bhavreen Kandhari has been celebrating Dussehra in her colony without burning a Ravan effigy for two years now.

“Kids are always excited to find ways to celebrate festivals without creating pollution. We bring them a wooden frame about five-feet tall. They wrap it with colourful paper and draw Ravan’s face on it. They then have fun destroying this effigy with their toy swords and arrows. The torn paper is later recycled as paper-mache,” Bhavreen says.

This will be the third year of an eco-friendly Dussehra celebration in the locality. And now, other localities have also started showing interest in celebrating in an eco-friendly manner.

“Our neighbourhood’s endeavour is reaching other localities surrounding ours and many have shown interest in doing something similar this year. Representatives from colonies such as Lajpat Nagar II and Amar Colony met us and they are also going the green way,” says Bhavreen.

Recyclable effigy in Noida to showcase evils of plastic

The Noida Authority will be celebrating Dussehra by creating a symbolic Ravan out of plastic waste at the Noida Stadium, which will then be sent to cement

manufacturers for recycling.

“On Gandhi Jayanti, various RWAs, school and college students, and other resident groups collected a total of 23,177kg plastic waste, which was deposited to the Noida Authority at the Noida Stadium as part of the ‘Swachhta Hi Sewa’ campaign. While most of it was sent to the Okhla

waste-to-energy plant, some of it was used to make a symbolic Ravan effigy, which will showcase the evils of single-use plastic. It will then be sent to cement manufacturers for recycling,” says Ritu Maheshwari, Chief Executive Officer, Noida Authority.

Gurgaon is not far behind, when it comes to green and sustainable Dussehra celebrations. "Since we already have waste segregation policy in place, we thought of using dry waste to create a Ravan effigy, which will act as a symbol to showcase the evils of plastic. Kids from the neighbourhood, whom we call 'the green evangelists', will make an effigy out of waste plastic, thermocol and wrappers. After the celebration, the effigy will be sent to vendors for recycling," says Ravina Sodhi, a resident of The Belaire, Gurgaon.